

# NEW MINERS' WAGE SCALE BEING CONSIDERED

## OPERATORS AND MINERS CONFER

Four Coal Producing States Are Represented at Conference in Mobile, Ala.

THIS STATE IS LEFT OUT

Eleven Demands on the Part of Miners Are Presented to the Operators.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Bituminous coal operators from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and union miners, representing a quarter of a million coal diggers in those states, met in joint conference here today to begin negotiations for a new interstate wage scale to take the place of the separate agreements which expire March 31.

The conference embraces the central competitive soft coal fields and the agreement to be drawn up in other soft coal states will be based largely upon the result of the present negotiations.

The conference is made up of thirty-two representatives of the operators and an equal number of members of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the four states. In addition John P. White, president, Frank J. Hayes, vice president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer, of the miners' international organization, are taking part in the deliberations.

The operators have selected Hugh Shirkie, of Terre Haute, Ind., as the chairman of the operators' delegation, and, following the custom of previous joint conferences, he will be named permanent chairman of the meeting, with William Green of the miners as secretary.

The miners at their convention at Indianapolis formulated eleven demands to be presented to the employers. One demand calls for the payment of wages on the mine run basis, three relate to wage increases ranging from ten to twenty per cent, according to the class of work and the others call for a uniform scale for all classes, readjustment of the machine differential at the basing points, eight-hour day from bank to bank, local grievances to be settled by the various districts, two-year contract, weekly paydays, and that every other Saturday be an idle day in lieu of Saturday half holidays.

### MRS. WOTRING DEAD

Wife of Charles Wotring, of Rowlesburg, Dies in a Local Hospital.

Mrs. Edith M. Wotring, aged 22 years, wife of Charles Wotring, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad fireman, of Rowlesburg, who died in a local hospital at 11:15 o'clock Monday night following a surgical operation, was taken to her home at Rowlesburg Tuesday morning. The funeral services and burial will be held there. The funeral services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Rowlesburg Wednesday.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Charles Wotring, her husband; Luther Blair Wotring, a son; J. T. Flynn, her father, and Paul and John Flynn, brothers.

### NEW COINS SHOWN.

The Merchants National Bank was showing the new Panama-Pacific Exposition coins Tuesday. A half dollar and a gold dollar were the new coins. These coins were made especially for the Panama-Pacific exposition and the words are embossed on the front of each piece. The new money is very pretty and all seeing it are anxious to secure one of the pieces.

F. M. Robinson, of Lumberport, transacted business here Tuesday.

### First Gun is Fired in Good Roads Campaign

Simpson District Residents Hold an Enthusiastic Mass Meeting at Bridgeport.

The first gun in the campaign to secure a \$200,000 bond issue to improve the roads of Simpson district, was fired Monday night when representative citizens of the district held an enthusiastic mass meeting in Bridgeport. Another meeting, which it is expected, will be much larger than the one Monday night, has been called for 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Every taxpayer in the district is expected to attend.

Experts in road construction will be present at Thursday's meeting and will discuss the best ways of improving the roads of the district. It is very probable that A. D. Williams, state road engineer, will be in attendance; if not, a representative of his office will be sent. Guy M. Harbert, Harrison county road engineer, will be on hand, and deliver an address.

At Thursday's meeting a report will be made by a committee of three appointed Monday night to gather data and outline the roads that need the most improvement, and those

## PETIT JURORS FOR MARCH TERM DRAWN

Of Criminal Court of the County by Jury Commissioners Post and Williams.

Petit jurors for the March term of the criminal court to appear Monday morning, March 13, for duty were drawn Tuesday as follows by Howard Post and Perry C. Williams, jury commissioners:

R. M. Fisher, Arthur Heinze, James Findley, Olandus West, Ransler Robinson, Lloyd D. Griffin, Isiah Conley, Henry Swiger, Adam Swiger, Adam Cookman, George H. Trainer, W. F. Sturm, George W. Williams, John F. Mason, M. L. Dunkin, Simon P. Davis, Stephen Bassel, H. B. Bond, Simon Bond, Carl A. Davidson, George Rector, J. Earl Thompson, Addison R. Timberlake, Clifton H. Colgate, M. C. Wolfe, John Parks, Weaver Perine, Laco Davison, Omer T. Talkington, William S. Blake, J. C. Garrett, H. L. Dean, Will J. Davison, John L. Sehon, W. W. Hess, Lafayette Swiger, Mosby Hall, Leonidas Rhoades, Hiram O. Post, J. L. Jenkins, G. H. Lyon, John B. Strother, Chester Martin, Howard Sapp, Earl Lawson, Custer Allen, William H. Norman, James A. Williams and Jesse R. Flint.

## CRADDOCK Named Mayor of Broad Oaks by the City Council of That Suburb.

At a meeting of the city council of the municipality of Broad Oaks held Monday evening, Joseph N. Craddock was elected mayor to serve the term of Charles McMunn, who was elected at the January election, but who failed to qualify on account of business reasons.

Mr. Craddock, the newly elected mayor, is a capable business man and should make an excellent executive for the growing little suburb. He was formerly employed on the Clarksburg Exponent-American and the Hall and Sheldon magazine, the Searchlight.

McMunn's reasons for not qualifying, according to his friends, is that he would be out of the city for several months attending to his business as foreman of the John O'Hare Plumbing Company, which has a large contract at Morgantown.

A chief of police was to be elected last night but on account of other pressing business the election was postponed until Friday night.

### MANUAL SOON READY.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 8.—John T. Harris, clerk of the West Virginia Senate, is at his home here and announced to friends that the West Virginia legislative handbook and manual and political register will soon be ready for distribution. Mr. Harris has been engaged for some time in gathering information for this book.

### ABLE TO BE OUT.

Miss Angie Davis, of North street, Broad Oaks, is able to be out again after a severe attack of lagrippe and pleurisy.

## OPERATORS WAITING ON WASHINGTON

West Virginia Shippers Are Prepared to Fight Rate Increase.

West Virginia coal operators are still waiting for word from Washington, where counsel for the trunk railroads held a meeting last week looking to further action in the matter of the proposed increase of shipping rates on coal hauled out of the West Virginia fields to points east, west and north—an increase which, the operators declare would, if made effective, ruin the coal industry in West Virginia.

Meanwhile, counsel for the coal companies are also preparing for action, it was said today, and the advance will be fought most strenuously before the Interstate Commerce Commission, before which the petitions of the railroad companies are pending.

The public service commission of West Virginia, which is resisting the action of the carrying concerns, is represented before the Interstate Commerce Commission by former Congressman Samuel B. Avis, Charleston attorney, while the railroad people are represented by a long array of talent, including W. A. Glascock, of Philadelphia, and Rush Butler, of Chicago.

It is contended by the public service commission that an increase of fifteen cents a ton on coal mined in West Virginia would not only wreck the coal business itself but would paralyze every other line of commercial activity.

The railroads asking for the advance are the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Norfolk and Western and the Kanawha and Michigan.

## SEVENTEEN COURTS AGAINST THOMPSON

Are Returned by Federal Grand Jury in the Uniontown Bank Failure.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Joshua V. Thompson, president of the First National Bank of Uniontown, which was closed by the comptroller of the currency a little more than a year ago, was today indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of alleged false certification of checks, making false entries, making false reports to the comptroller of the currency and perjury.

One blanket indictment was returned, embracing seventeen counts. Counts Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, charge Thompson with certifying checks of W. S. Craft, treasurer of Fayette county, drawn on the First National Bank of Uniontown, when Craft did not have a sum equal to the checks on deposit.

Counts Nos. 9 to 15 inclusive, charge false entries and false reports to the comptroller of the currency.

Counts Nos. 16 and 17 charge perjury in swearing to the correctness of the bank statement. Count No. 18 is divided into three parts and the last count is divided into two parts.

## GERMANS LOSE SMALL SECTION

Of One of Their Trenches in Active Fighting with the French in the West.

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## FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS WILD DOWN A GRADE

Engineer Leaps for His Life Down Mountainside and is Seriously Hurt.

GRAFTON, Feb. 8.—An eastbound freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad ran away this morning from Blaser station, thirty miles east of Grafton, at the crest of the mountain, down Cheat river grade.

Engineer W. G. Wolf, of Grafton, leaped for his life down the mountainside and was seriously hurt. Fireman W. F. Simmons, of Grafton, was also badly injured.

The train ran about eight miles down to Rowlesburg, where it was stopped without being derailed.

## RESTING EASY

Is Daniel C. Murray Who Accidentally Shot Himself Saturday and May Recover.

Daniel C. Murray, bookkeeper for the Califf Coal Company, of near Lost Creek, is resting easy in a local hospital Tuesday afternoon and attending physicians have not decided when they will operate upon him to remove the bullet which is lodged in his groin as a result of accidentally shooting himself at his home at the mining settlement Saturday night.

According to his own story of the affair he was playing with a 12-caliber revolver which he thought was not loaded and it went off, the ball entering his left breast slightly above the heart and took a downward course, lodging in his groin. He lives by himself and it was not known that he was injured until Sunday morning when Jessup Lelsen, a friend, called at his home to see him. Physicians were at once summoned and he was removed to a local hospital where he has since been a patient.

An operation will be performed in a day or so to remove the bullet and it is thought that he will recover.

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## SNOW BLOCKS ROAD TRAFFIC

## PROGRAM FOR MEETING OF LEAGUE MADE

Up and Sent to the Temporary State Chairman for His Approval.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The program for the meeting for organization of the League to Enforce Peace, which will be held here Saturday evening at the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium, has been announced in its tentative form. The program as outlined will be forwarded to former Governor William E. Glascock, of Morgantown, for his approval. Mr. Glascock is at the head of the league in this state. The arrangements were left to a local committee to complete.

John B. Finley, of this city, one of the charter members of the West Virginia branch, will be the temporary chairman of the meeting. The program follows:

Temporary chairman—John B. Finley, of Parkersburg.

Invocation—Dr. S. Scollay Moore, of the Trinity Episcopal church.

Music, "America"—Music Department of the Woman's Club.

Introduction of the chairman by former Governor Glascock.

Outline of plan and objects of the league by the chairman.

Address by William Collins Dennis, former member of The Hague Tribunal, and assistant solicitor of the State Department under President Taft.

Addresses by other speakers and organization.

Music, The National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"—Music Department of the Woman's Club.

Benediction—Dr. S. K. Arbuthnot, of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

## BRIAND'S VISIT

To Italy is Explained as Being for Purpose of Urging the Country On in the War.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—In explanation of Premier Briand's visit to Italy the Matin says that the prolongation of the war led to certain difficulties for the Italian government, which, however, realizes that if Italy is to profit by the victory of the Allies, it must take an active part in the operations. "This will add to Italy's burden," says the Matin "but will also increase the advantage which it has to reap."

"Mr. Briand's reputation as a long-headed statesman is well established in Rome. It was he who saw that the best way to protect Egypt was to stay at Saloniki, and the salvage of the Serbian army was due to his decision. His visit to Italy will go far toward bringing about that absolute political and military unity of the Allies, which is a condition of victory."

## FAMILIES SUFFERING BECAUSE OF RED TAPE

Cases of Destitution Are Reported by Club Women of the City.

Club and church women of the city who have interested themselves in the cases, declare that two families in suburbs of the city are in destitute and needy circumstances and that they are unable to receive aid such as they need because of too much red tape on the part of organized charities and the county government.

Living in Stable.

A Postlewaite family of a widow and four children at industrial is one of them. Women who looked after the family found it living in a rough stable there not long ago suffering from illness and lack of food and clothing. The family was moved to other quarters and aid was given it, but it is still badly in need of the necessities of life. The oldest of the four children is about seven years old. The father died in Clarksburg about two months ago. Several months ago the family moved to industrial from Parkersburg. The club women who reported the case to the Telegram declare that the Clarksburg Associated Charities will not aid the family further than to furnish transportation back to Parkersburg. Mrs. Postlewaite does not want to return to Parkersburg.

All in One Bed.

The other case of destitution is that of a family named Goolley at Despard. When Clarksburg church women looked after these folk they were in dire circumstances, the father being in the last stages of tuberculosis and the entire family of father, mother and four young children being forced to huddle together in the same bed in order to keep warm. The family is four months in arrears for rent of the house it is occupying. Club women say the Associated Charities offered to pay rent for the family for the present but refused to pay any rent in arrears. Other needed aid, say these women, has not been forthcoming from this organization nor from the county government through the oversight of the poor. It is the aim of the women to raise enough money at least to pay the back rent for this family.

In Bitter Terms.

The women reporting these cases to the Telegram speak in very bitter terms of the fact that Clarksburg people will open their hearts and send big sums of money to Europe when such cases of destitution need attention in Clarksburg.

When the attention of H. Frank Horr, chairman of the Elks' charity committee, was directed to the two cases, he announced that the lodge would render aid to both families. The club women concerned are requested to advise with him.

## Warm Breeze Brings a New Danger in the Northwest Section of County.

## AVALANCHES ARE STARTING

Two Persons Are Killed When an Avalanche of Mud and Rock Overwhelm Them.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—The Chinook wind, a warm breeze, which rapidly sweeps away the snow, began in the Cascade mountains today and the railroads using the mountain passes are confronted with the danger of avalanches, while in the lowlands danger of floods became more serious. In many of the passes the snow is said to be more than thirty feet deep.

An avalanche blocked the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul today near Keeseehus on the east slope of the mountains. They Northern Pacific line was still open early today and operating officials were hopeful of preventing a blockade. Crews have been sent into the mountains ready for an emergency.

Two persons were killed in this city last night when an avalanche of mud and rock overwhelmed them as they sought to escape from their homes at the foot of a bluff.

## EXCURSION

Dates for the Coming Summer Season Are Announced by the Baltimore and Ohio.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has announced the Atlantic City, Niagara Falls, Washington and Baltimore excursion dates for the coming summer. The dates for excursions to Atlantic City are given as June 23, July 13 and 27, August 12 and 24 and September 7. Tickets are good for sixteen days and call for numerous other seashore points along the Jersey coast for the same fare.

As was the case last year, tickets will be sold for \$10 round trip.

The Niagara Falls excursions, which go via Pittsburgh, are to be run June 16 and 30, July 21, August 11 and 25 and September 8 and 22, and October 6. This fare is \$12.

Hundreds of Clarksburgers take advantage of these excursions yearly, and have been inquiring for the last month of the railroad officials here as to what time the summer excursions were to start.

The personally conducted tours of the Baltimore and Ohio which run on the same dates the excursions are run to Atlantic City, take passengers to Baltimore and Washington and pay all expenses for five days and include in the trip a sight-seeing trip around the capital without extra charge.

## NO WITHDRAWAL

Is What Senator Samuel B. Montgomery Says of Judge Ira E. Robinson.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An official communication from military headquarters at Delhi says that General Townshend is holding Kut-al-Amara as a point of strategic importance and that General Aylmer's operations are being carried out for the purpose of supporting General Townshend at that point. The communication adds that no withdrawal is contemplated.